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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-7. *Cancelled*

8. *(Currently Amended)* A friendship object kit comprising at least a pair of friendship objects that are packaged and sold together, wherein a first friendship object of the pair is for a first person to keep and a second friendship object of the pair is for a second person to receive from the first person, the first and second friendship objects each comprising a connecting mechanism to enable multiple friendship objects from different pairs of friendship objects to be directly, physically linked together to one another, and wherein each of the first and second friendship objects ~~is personalized by an~~ includes a voice-chip with a personalized, audible message.

9. *(Currently Amended)* A friendship object kit comprising at least a pair of friendship objects that are packaged and sold together, wherein a first friendship object of the pair is for a first person to keep and a second friendship object of the pair is for a second person to receive from the first person, the first and second friendship objects each comprising a connecting mechanism to enable multiple friendship objects from different pairs of friendship objects to be directly, physically linked together to one another, and wherein each of the first and second friendship objects comprises a voice recording and playback mechanism to enable each of the first and second friendship objects to be personalized by an audible message.

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Claims 10-16. ***Cancelled***

17. ***(Previously Presented)*** The friendship object kit of claim 8, wherein the first and second friendship objects comprise animal-shaped objects.
18. ***(Previously Presented)*** The friendship object kit of claim 17, wherein the first and second friendship objects comprise substantially identical animal-shaped objects.
19. ***(Previously Presented)*** The friendship object kit of claim 17, wherein the first and second friendship objects comprise different animal-shaped objects.
20. ***(Previously Presented)*** The friendship object kit of claim of claim 8, wherein the connecting mechanism comprises at least a jewelry clasp.
21. ***(Previously Presented)*** The friendship object kit of claim of claim 8, wherein the connecting mechanism comprises hook and loop fastener material.
22. ***(Previously Presented)*** The friendship object kit of claim 9, wherein the first and second friendship objects comprise animal-shaped objects.
23. ***(Previously Presented)*** The friendship object kit of claim 22, wherein the first and second friendship objects comprise substantially identical animal-shaped objects.

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24. (*Previously Presented*) The friendship object kit of claim 22, wherein the first and second friendship objects comprise different animal-shaped objects.

25. (*Previously Presented*) The friendship object kit of claim of claim 9, wherein the connecting mechanism comprises at least a jewelry clasp.

26. (*Previously Presented*) The friendship object kit of claim of claim 9, wherein the connecting mechanism comprises hook and loop fastener material.

27. (*New*) A friendship object kit comprising at least a pair of plush animal-shaped friendship objects that are packaged and sold together, wherein a first plush animal-shaped friendship object of the pair is for a first person to keep and a second plush animal-shaped friendship object of the pair is for a second person to receive from the first person, the first and second plush animal-shaped friendship objects each comprising a connecting mechanism to enable multiple plush animal-shaped friendship objects from different pairs of plush animal-shaped friendship objects to be linked together, and wherein each of the first and second plush animal-shaped friendship objects comprise a voice recording and playback mechanism to enable each of the first and second plush animal-shaped friendship objects to be personalized by an audible message.